## **Selected BLS Economic Indicators**

# Huntington-Ashland



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Huntington-Ashland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES).** 

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
,	2000	2001	Change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
South	194.7	199.618	2.5
South (size class B/C)*	124.1	127.000	2.3
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
South	192.1	196.730	2.4
South (size class B/C)*	122.9	125.598	2.2
Producer Price Index, U.S.	April	April	Percent
(1982 = 100)	2006	2007	change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

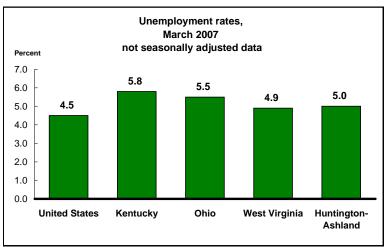
<sup>\*</sup>Southern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100) Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

## Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,255.0	6,913.0	-342.0	-4.7
Kentucky	129.5	119.3	-10.2	-7.9
Ohio	326.2	325.1	-1.1	-0.3
West Virginia	40.4	39.7	-0.7	-1.8
Huntington-Ashland	7.1	6.8	-0.3	-4.4

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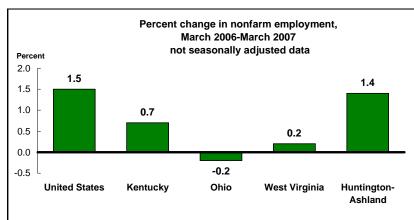
Employment Cost Index	1st Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Percent
(December 2005) = 100	2006	2007	change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
South	101.0	104.3	3.3
South Atlantic	101.2	104.9	3.7
Occupational Wages	Mean Hourly Earnings		
Selected Occupations		May 2005	
Huntington-Ashland			
All Occupations	\$14.98		
Education, training, and library	18.06		
Office and administrative support	11.69		
Construction and extraction	17.70		
Sales and related	11.01		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	28.88		
Food preparation and serving related	7.15		
Production	14.77		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	15.70		
Transportation and material moving		12.22	

#### Nonfarm payroll employment

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

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Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	134,868.0	136,835.0	1,967.0	1.5
Kentucky	1,836.0	1,848.1	12.1	0.7
Ohio	5,389.7	5,379.7	-10.0	-0.2
West Virginia	750.4	751.9	1.5	0.2
Huntington-Ashland	97.6	99.0	1.4	1.4

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